

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 were pending in the application.

Claims 38-50 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 1-37 and 51-52 are rejected.

Claims 1, 51 and 52 have been amended.

All amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part and/or divisional applications.

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments submitted herein be entered, and further requests reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Objection to the Specification

The examiner objected to the disclosure due to numerous informalities. In response, the disclosure has been amended to remedy the informalities as helpfully suggested by the examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2-5, 15-26, 31-37, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0116386A1 (hereinafter “Fabri”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to claims 1, 51 and 52, the examiner equated the “portal” in Fabri with the personal base in the present application. Claims 1, 51 and 52 have been amended to

indicate that the personal base is more than a mere portal. The personal base of the present invention is not merely a staging point from which to launch searches or access web pages as is the portal of Fabri. In contrast to the portal in Fabri, the personal base of the present invention, as reflected in the amended independent claims, is capable of independent communications with entities other than the user as the user's agent. Fabri does not disclose a personal base that can interact with other users to, for example, receive messages from other users or software processes. It is respectfully submitted that Fabri does not disclose all of the elements of amended independent claims 1, 51 and 52, and that those claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Moreover, as the independent claims are now perceived allowable over Fabri, so too are claims 2-5, 15-26 and 31-37 that are dependent upon the amended independent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6, 7, 27-30 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fabri in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,076,166 (hereinafter "Moshfeghi").

Claim 1, upon which claims 6, 7, 27-30 and 34 are dependent, has been amended as indicated above. As Moshfeghi does not disclose, teach or suggest a personal base that can interact with users other than the owner user, and Fabri does not teach or suggest the same element, it is respectfully suggested that Moshfeghi and Fabri, either independently nor in combination, all of the elements of independent claim 1 or, by extension, dependent claims 6, 7, 27-30 and 34. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested. It is further submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail, as below.

Enclosed is check # 932445 in the amount of \$510.00 (Small Entity) for the three month extension of time. Should the Commissioner deem any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby requested to accept this as a Petition therefore, and is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or to credit any overpayment, to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 068508.0102.

Respectfully Submitted,

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